

ANNUAL MEETING OF P. B. M. ASSOCIATION

One of Petersburg's Oldest and Best Institutions Elects Officers and Enjoys a Banquet.

EX-CONVICT AGAIN IN TROUBLE

Action of Council and Board of Aldermen—Death of Pastor of Ettrick Baptist Church.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PETERSBURG, VA., January 13.—The Petersburg Benevolent Mechanics' Association, one of the oldest and most valued institutions in this city, at its annual meeting to-night re-elected the following officers: President, Captain Hugh R. Smith; Vice-President, William E. Dool; Secretary and Treasurer, William H. Baxter; Directors, Charles E. Williamson, Robert L. Campbell, Andrew J. Clements, James Y. Branch, Dr. Thomas J. Burgess, Robert L. Brunet and C. W. Mattox. W. A. Perdue, a well-known Petersburg contractor, was elected member.

The association was established in 1825, incorporated in 1826, and in its big building, at Sycamore and Tabb Streets, was a valuable library of more than 10,000 volumes, which is constantly being enlarged. It has now fifty-five members.

After the meeting to-night the association gave a banquet at Masonic Hall.

Vacancies Filled.
A joint meeting of the Council and Board of Aldermen this evening filled three vacancies on the Board of Public School Commissioners, by the following elections: First District, J. Morton Townsend; Second District, Chester Sheppard; Third District, Thomas B. Ivey.

Councilman E. H. Patterson was elected chairman of the Fire Committee.

The Board of Aldermen at its regular meeting concurred in all measures passed by the Council at its last meeting, including an appropriation of \$7,888, for completing street roadway improvements and a number of smaller appropriations for various other public improvements.

After a reconsideration of its former vote refusing to concur in the Council's appropriation for a water-main to the almshouse, the Board confirmed the measure.

City Attorney George Mason's opinion that the proposed contract between the city and some shipbuilders of Wilmington, Del., for the lease of Swan's island in the Appomattox River, could not be legally made, was laid on the table, and Mr. Mason was instructed to submit an opinion as to the city's right to sell the island.

The first opinion, which was submitted to the Council at its last meeting, stated that a lease of the property could not be made by private contract, but must be advertised.

The Board of Governors of the Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting to-night decided to invite the members of the Retail Merchants' Association and the Petersburg business public generally to attend the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to be held to-morrow night.

William Smith, a negro, who has served two terms in the State Penitentiary, and is now wanted by the Warwick county authorities on the charge of murdering a woman in that county last June, was captured by Detective Ragland, Detective Herlan and officers Collier and Evans at the home of the negro's mother on Carter street a few hours after his arrival in the city. He was taken to Warwick county yesterday by Chief of Police Morris, of Bloodfield.

Taken Back to Washington.
Jefferson L. McCoy, the young negro, who, as previously reported in The Times-Dispatch, was captured by Detective Officer Gallion about 1:30 o'clock Friday night and slightly wounded by a pistol shot while attempting to run away from the officer at the Dunlop Street station of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, was taken back to Washington, D. C., last night by a detective, who stated that McCoy had broken into a house there and stolen forty spoons, thus explaining the history of the thirty-nine silver spoons which were found on his person at the time of his capture here. Captain Ragland notified Mayor Sylvester, superintendent of the Washington police, and a detective was promptly sent for the prisoners.

Arrangements are being made for extensive improvements to the farm on the Woodpecker Road in Chesterfield county, formerly belonging to Mrs. Inogen Lawrence, and recently purchased through W. & C. Co. of this city, by Messrs. J. W. Dethen and A. W. Dethen, of Toledo, O., who have arrived here and will reside on their newly acquired property. J. W. Dethen, formerly of New York, now of Cuba, has also arrived to take charge of a farm on the Interurban car line in Chesterfield.

In the Mayor's Court this morning, John Wheelhouse, a young white man, was fined \$25 for being drunk.

Some foods have the same effect on the bowels as Cascarets. But one must select the foods and that's difficult. It's easier to take Cascarets.

Here is one way to keep cheerful:
Live out-doors and exercise in plenty. Eat coarse food, much fruit, many green vegetables.
Here is the other way:
Take a Cascaret when you need it. That will supply, in a gentle and natural way, the same laxative effect on the bowels.

Nobody questions that the first way is best. So would it be best, for much the same reason, to do all of our reading by sunlight.
But most of us are compelled to choose a second best way. And that way is Cascarets.
No other laxative acts so nearly as proper living would act on the bowels.

The days of castor oil and salts, of pills and cathartics, are over. What they did artificially, is now done by Cascarets—gently. The right way is to take a Cascaret when you need it. Carry a box in your pocket. Ward off those dull feelings, those headaches, before they fairly get started.

Cascarets are candy tablets. They are sold by all druggists, but never in bulk. Be sure to get the genuine, with CCC on every tablet. The price is 50 cents, 25 cents and

Ten Cents per Box.



Prices Are Thawing.

Before Jack Frost has actually given us the "icy hand," we are clipping the prices of cold-weather apparel.

Let your DIMES impersonate QUARTERS and your HALVES do DOLLAR duty.

\$9.75 for Suits and O'coats up to \$16.50.

\$13.75 for Suits and O'coats up to \$22.50.

Jacobs & Levy

\$2.95 for \$4.00 Crossett Shoes.

of this city, was fined \$25 by Justice Butler, who presided in the absence of Mayor Jones, for beating his sister, who appeared in court bearing the marks of her brother's ill treatment.

Death of a Preacher.
Rev. William R. Butler, pastor of the Baptist Church of Ettrick, in Chesterfield county, died yesterday afternoon at his residence in that village.

Mr. Butler was seventy-nine years old, and is survived by his wife, three daughters, two sons and four brothers. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Ettrick Baptist Church.

Mr. James T. Washer, an esteemed resident of Prince George, died yesterday at his home in that county. Mr. Washer made a fine record as a Confederate soldier. He was seventy-seven years old, and is survived by one sister, Mrs. Frances Graham, of Prince George. The funeral took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Gary's Church, in Prince George county.

IN THE QUICKSANDS.

Thrilling Experience of a South Boston Physician and Friend.

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SOUTH BOSTON, VA., January 13.—Dr. I. Keith Briggs, a prominent young physician, in company with his friend, Mr. Tyree C. Wright, both of this place, had a narrow escape from being drowned yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock. Dr. Briggs, in company with Mr. Wright, drove to Dennistown, Va., to see a patient, and while crossing a creek, which was swollen by recent rains, about 100 feet in width, near Dennistown, the two horses and buggy got into quicksand. The horses plunged out of sight several times, but finally were cut loose and waded out to a nearby island. The two young men were left in the stream, with the vehicle sinking, and after calling loudly for help for fully an hour, Mr. Ben Pulliam, a farmer, responded, and with the aid of his horse, saved Dr. Briggs, who jumped from the buggy to Mr. Pulliam's horse's back, and after great effort, waded to the shore. He then threw the reins back to Wright, and in this manner he, too, was brought safely to shore. The horses were rescued, but the buggy was still stuck in the sand at last report.

The young men were thoroughly soaked, but congratulate themselves upon their narrow escape.

CLOSE THE GAME SEASON.

Security of Game Lands to This—Dies From Her Burns.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., January 13.—Supervisors of most of the counties in this section have closed the game season, owing to the scarcity of game. The State law fixes the time as February 1st, but the supervisors of each county have the privilege of closing the season earlier.

The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Adkins, of Lancaster county, died a few days ago from burns, her clothing having ignited from a stove.

The barn of Wallace Gaskins, of the lower Northern Neck, was destroyed by fire several days ago. One horse, one cow and other property were also consumed. Loss heavy; no insurance.

Mr. George Cole and Miss Bessie Evers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Evers, of lower Northern Neck, were married Thursday at the Baptist Church at Remington, Rev. S. W. Coles officiating.

DANVILLE JAIL UNSATISFACTORY.

Judge Aiken Issues Peremptory Mandamus Against City Council.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DANVILLE, VA., January 13.—Judge A. M. Aiken, of the Corporation Court, issued an order this morning summoning every member of the Common Council of the city to appear before the court next Saturday morning to show cause why a peremptory mandamus should not be issued requiring them

to secure a charter.

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BOWLING GREEN, VA., January 13.—This being the day for the regular meeting of the board of supervisors there were a number of representative citizens here from all parts of the county. This was the first meeting of the new board. After the board adjourned a mass meeting was held in the courthouse in the interest of the proposed new railroad. Judge E. C. Monroe presented some resolutions favoring the new road, and they were unanimously adopted. Hon. D. B. Powers, Jr., was present, and in a few remarks assured the citizens of his hearty sympathy with the move and pledged his cordial support.

HOUSEBREAKER SHOT.

Negro Enters Residence of Portsmouth Lady and Gets Killed in His Thigh.

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NORFOLK, VA., January 13.—Ernest Williams (colored) was caught in the residence of Mrs. O. D. Ball on Virginia Avenue, Portsmouth, early yesterday morning and wounded by T. R. Nicholson, son-in-law, an inmate of the home.

Williams awoke Mrs. Ball, who called her son-in-law. The negro made a break for liberty, going through a window. It was at this time that Mr. Nicholson fired. The negro was hit in the thigh, and falling out of the window, begged for mercy. The police were called in and the negro sent to the hospital. He had broken into the residence.

REDUCING FORCE.

Norfolk and Western Discontinues Telegram Office.

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TAZEWELL, VA., January 13.—The Norfolk and Western have discontinued their railway telegraph offices at Richmond, Tazewell, Corbourn and New Creek, as further retrenchment. All the warehousemen on this division of the Norfolk and Western have been dropped. Burton, for a number of years,

KILLED BY HER HUSBAND



MRS. KATHLE EN MARTIN, well-known in Virginia, who died in Brooklyn yesterday from a pistol shot fired by her husband, Arthur J. Martin, before he killed himself on Friday last.

to make certain improvements to the city jail.

City Sergeant P. H. Boisseau was also summoned to show cause why he should not be fined for alleged failure to perform certain duties in connection with the care of the prisoners, which are required of him by the statutes.

The order of Judge Aiken followed the filing to-day of the report of the jail inspectors, who reported that the city prison was unsanitary and inadequate to meet the demands of the city. The report recommended extensive improvements and charged that Sergeant Boisseau had allowed outsiders to converse with the prisoners.

EXPOSITION DOOMED.

At Last Determined That There Will Be No Official Reopening.

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NORFOLK, VA., January 13.—That there will be no official reopening of the Jamestown Exposition next summer was determined to-day by the reply of Chairman George P. Adams, of the exposition reopening committee, to a communication on this subject sent him last week by Alvan H. Martin, chairman of the receivers for the exposition company.

The only chance left for reopening would be the purchase of the property for this purpose by private interests. The exposition receivers will to-morrow file with the court their first report.

The Powhatan Guard on the grounds was to-day reduced to twenty-five men. An efficient fire department is still being maintained for the protection of the State and other buildings.

SIDESWIPED BY FALLEN TREE.

Many Window-Glasses Broken and Dead-ford City Man Injured.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., January 13.—Trains Nos. 41 and 33, southbound, on the Southern, were sideswiped by a fallen tree early Sunday morning some distance north of Orange, and all but one of the window glasses on that side of train No. 33 were broken out and a large number of those in 41, which was the passenger car.

Mr. Floyd Gray, of Bedford City, a passenger on No. 41, received a painful cut across his nose from flying glass, as well as a painful bruise on his head. Mr. Gray came to the city and had his wounds dressed, and he was able to go to his home in Bedford City, this morning. As far as could be learned here, no other passengers were injured.

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Virginia Brevities

ALEXANDRIA, VA.—The executive committee of the George Washington Birthday Association met at the Chamber of Commerce last night to hear reports of progress made on the committee's part.

HAMPTON.—George Meredith Peek, son of Mrs. Sallie Peek, "Acorn Point," has been notified by the War Department that he successfully passed the examination for admission as a second lieutenant in the artillery corps of the United States Army, and that his commission will date from January 1, 1908.

HAMPTON.—Recognizing the exceptionally good work which he has accomplished here, the congregation of the Memorial Baptist Church has unanimously voted an increase of \$300 a year in the salary of their pastor, the Rev. T. Ryland Sanford. This will make the salary of the minister \$2,000 a year.

NORFOLK.—Mrs. C. M. Wolfe, whose husband is money clerk at the Norfolk post-office, was severely hurt yesterday afternoon on a Berkeley street car, and has practically lost the use of her legs as a result. The car, the train, "Acorn Point," and Mrs. Wolfe was thrown violently from her seat against one of the forward chairs of the car. It is feared her spine is permanently injured.

SUPPOSED SUICIDE.

A Tennessee Hotel Man Found Dead With Pistol by His Side.

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BIRMINGHAM, TENN., January 13.—W. P. Colley, fifty years old, proprietor of the Washington Hotel, at Jonesboro, Tenn., was found dead in a room adjoining the hotel to-day, with a bullet hole in his temple and a revolver by his side. He is supposed to have committed suicide, but no cause is assigned. He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter. His son resides at Portsmouth, O.

Daily Court Record

Supreme Court of Appeals.
Uzile vs. Commonwealth, argued by J. L. Jeffries and Thomas H. Wilcox for plaintiff in error, and the Attorney-General for the Commonwealth, and submitted.

Burton and Conquest vs. Commonwealth, partly argued by Thomas H. Wilcox, and continued.

Next cases to be called: Thurman vs. Commonwealth, and on the argument docket the following: Adams, trustee, vs. Tidewater Railway Company; Stimmel vs. Beaulieu, Jewett vs. Ware, Sherin, French vs. Logan's Administrator and Crounse vs. Crounse, being Nos. 12 to 17, inclusive, excepting No. 15.

Law and Equity Court.
Suits instituted—Frank C. Bostock, etc., vs. the Richmond Amusement Corporation, for \$1,400. Harry Cohen vs. Lewis Aronson, for \$3,000.

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